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Representatives Komline of Dorset and Wright of Burlington move that the bill be amended after Sec. 7 by inserting a new section to be Sec. 7a and a related reader assistance heading to read:

* * * Education Mandates; Funding * * *

Sec. 7a. 16 V.S.A. § 4028(d) is added to read:

(d) On or before July 1 of each year, the Joint Fiscal Office shall determine the total amount of new unfunded mandates imposed on supervisory unions and school districts for the coming fiscal year. The Joint Fiscal Office shall present this total to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting. The Joint Fiscal Committee shall review and approve the total, and that amount shall then be added to the General Fund transfer in subdivision 4025(a)(2) of this title for that fiscal year and after. As used in this subsection, an “unfunded mandate” means a State statute or State regulation that requires a supervisory union or school district to perform certain actions, but with no money or funding mechanism in place for fulfilling the requirement.